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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination,
please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously
presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

3. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said further text replaces said initial display text to form said modified display text.
4. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
 - (i) applying said one or more predetermined rules to said modified display text to detect one or more characteristics indicative of said modified display text being insufficiently readable by said user; and

- (ii) upon detection of said one or more characteristics indicative of said modified display text being insufficiently readable by said user, then reverting to said initial display text.

5. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said one or more predetermined rules include one or more of:

- (i) the number of underscore characters within said initial display text is greater than the number of space characters within said initial display text;
- (ii) the initial display text is less than a minimum threshold number of characters in length;
- (iii) the initial display text is greater than a maximum threshold number of characters in length;
- (iv) the average number of characters per word in said initial display text is greater than a maximum threshold average word length;
- (v) the initial display text contains words that include capital letters after lower case letters; and
- (vi) the initial display text contains words not found in an associated dictionary of words.

6. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said data file is retrieved from a source computer server via a computer network.

9. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein said client computer has a user display with different display capabilities than those of a display for which said document is intended or said document is display independent.

15. (Amended) A computer program storage medium storing a computer program for controlling a data processing apparatus to perform the method as claimed in claim 1.

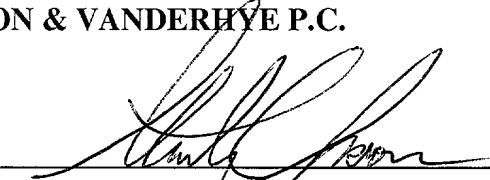
REMARKS

The above amendments are made to place the claims in a more traditional format. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made.**"

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS

3. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any one of claims 1 and 2] claim 1, wherein said further text replaces said initial display text to form said modified display text.

4. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any one of claims 1, 2 and 3] claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

- (iii) applying said one or more predetermined rules to said modified display text to detect one or more characteristics indicative of said modified display text being insufficiently readable by said user; and
- (iv) upon detection of said one or more characteristics indicative of said modified display text being insufficiently readable by said user, then reverting to said initial display text.

5. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein said one or more predetermined rules include one or more of:

- (vii) the number of underscore characters within said initial display text is greater than the number of space characters within said initial display text;
- (viii) the initial display text is less than a minimum threshold number of characters in length;
- (ix) the initial display text is greater than a maximum threshold number of characters in length;
- (x) the average number of characters per word in said initial display text is greater than a maximum threshold average word length;
- (xi) the initial display text contains words that include capital letters after lower case letters; and

- (xii) the initial display text contains words not found in an associated dictionary of words.

6. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein said data file is retrieved from a source computer server via a computer network.

9. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any one of claims 7 and 8] claim 7, wherein said client computer has a user display with different display capabilities than those of a display for which said document is intended or said document is display independent.

15. (Amended) A computer program storage medium storing a computer program for controlling a data processing apparatus to perform the method as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 10] claim 1.